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For Comptroller—A. C. Croom.

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For State Chemist—R. E. Rose.

For Adjutant General—J. C. R. Foster.

For Justices of the Supreme Court—William A. Hocker; Thomas M. Shackleford.

For Members of the Legislature—M. A. B. McKenzie; S. J. Hilburn.

For County Judge—M. I. Cox.

For Clerk of the Circuit Court—Henry Hutchinson.

For Sheriff—R. L. Kennerly.

For Tax Assessor—G. F. Bullard.

For Tax Collector—A. S. Willard.

For County Treasurer—J. E. Edmonson.

For Supervisor of Registration—E. T. Kellum.

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For County Commissioner District No. 3—B. T. Solana.

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For Member County School Board District No. 1—John H. Green.

For Member County School Board District No. 2—J. N. Blackwell.

For Member County School Board District No. 3—Laban Price.

Would Mortgage the Farm.

A farmer on Rural Route 2, Empire, Ga., W. A. Floyd by name, says: "Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured the two worst sores I ever saw: one on my hand and one on my leg. It is worth more than its weight in gold. I would not be without it if I had to mortgage the farm to get it." Only 25c at S. W. Rowley's drug store.

NO WATER UNDER STATE

State Geologist Says "Boils" Are Caused By Local Rainfalls.

THE SURFACE OF FLORIDA

Will Settle Down in the Course of a Few Thousand Years is Belief of Professor E. H. Sellards.

Tallahassee, Fla.—That vast streams of water are rushing under the surface of Florida at a depth reached only by its flowing wells is the firm belief of many Floridians. But the conclusions of Professor E. H. Sellards, state geologist, from his surveys in Central Florida, as described in Bulletin No. 1, indicates that this belief is erroneous. The average rainfall of about fifty-three inches and the pressure caused by impermeable beds under which may collect the waters which have sunk to considerable depths through the sands accounts, for the flowing wells and "boils." Observations on Silver Springs, in Marion county, which flows 368,913 gallons of water per minute, show that this spring rises after heavy rains—not immediately, but a few days afterward. This shows that it is an outlet for the local underground water supply and is not fed by any stream unaffected by the local rainfall.

Another fact brought out by this bulletin is the amount of erosion of the soft Vicksburg limestone beneath the surface of Florida that is continually going on. Professor Sellards estimates that the mineral solids removed by the springs of Florida taken altogether amount annually to more than four hundred tons per square mile. It is evident that in the course of a few thousand years Florida will be quite hollow and the surface may settle down considerably.

TOURIST SEASON OPENS EARLIER.

Many Who Own Winter Residences Are Returning.

Jacksonville, Fla.—The tourist season in Florida is dawning. There is no better evidence of the fact than the presence of numbers of familiar faces of regular winter visitors in hotel corridors daily, and the reports from transportation officials. While most of the tourists who are returning now are those who own winter homes in the state, yet many are coming to the state for the first time and their arrival is taken to mean that the season will open earlier this year and by the first of January there will be more tourists in the state than at a corresponding date in any past winter.

The advantages of Florida as a place in which to spend the winter are being more effectively advertised than ever before, and as a consequence a record-breaking tourist season is being anticipated. Quite noticeable was the great number of western people spending last season in the state. The people in that section of the country are now enjoying an unprecedented era of prosperity and an increased representation is expected.

As soon as the general election is held on November 3, the regular winter visitors will doubtless flock to the sunny southland. The outcome of the election will have very little, if any, effect upon the tourist travel.

The resorts along the East Coast are already beginning to enliven, and within and about the handsome winter residences which have remained with closed doors throughout the summer months are now scenes of life and enjoyment.

Had a Close Call.

Mrs. Ada L. Croom, the widely known proprietor of the Croom hotel, Vaughn, Miss., says: "For several months I suffered with a severe cough, and consumption seemed to have its grip on me, when a friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery. I began taking it, and three bottles affected a complete cure." The fame of this life saving cough and cold remedy and lung and throat healer is world wide. Sold at S. W. Rowley's drug store. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

AM-IMPORTANT DAY.

November First Will Be Notable in Commercial History of Jacksonville. Jacksonville, Fla.—November 1 will be an important day in the commercial history of Jacksonville. On that day the Naval Stores Marketing company, which is being so enthusiastically supported by the naval stores producers of not only Florida but the adjacent states, will enter the market.

A regular steamship service between Jacksonville and Hamburg and other European ports will be inaugurated that day by the Gans steamship line of Savannah. Either event would move Jacksonville prosperity up several pegs.

Just two months later the headquarters of the American Naval Stores company will be formally removed from Savannah to Jacksonville and then that city's growth will proceed at an accelerated pace, while all the state looks on with satisfaction.

Where Bullets Flew.

David Parker of Fayette, N. Y., a veteran of the civil war, who lost a foot at Gettysburg, says: "The good Electric Bitters have done is worth more than five hundred dollars to me. I spent much money doctoring for a bad case of stomach trouble, to little purpose. I then tried Electric Bitters, and they cured me. I now take them as a tonic, and they keep me strong and well." 50c at S. W. Rowley's drug store.

STATE GLEANINGS.

The enrollment of four hundred pupils in the schools of Sanford this year, against two hundred and sixty-five last year, is an indication of the rapid growth of that city.

Live Oak is to have a gala week. There will be parades, a farmers' day, a military day, one devoted to trades display and other attractions.

Miami's carnival promises to be a great success. The Miami Merchants' association has appointed a committee to co-operate with the board of trade and the Dade County Fair association has already approved of it. The carnival will be held on the same day as the fair, next March.

A recent accident in Miami demonstrates that it is not altogether safe to attach a clothes line to an electric light pole without insulating it. The result may be shocking some rainy day.

The taxable values of Starke for 1908 show an increase over those of 1907 of \$37,448. The total assessment twenty years ago was only \$50,000, which is almost equalled by the increase over last year's.

The annual Gulf fair, to be held at DeFuniak the last four days of this month, is a great influence in the advancement of agriculture in Florida.

Pensacola courts deal out sentences on the bargain counter plan. A man was recently fined 99 cents there for hugging a girl. Knocked down from \$1, eh?

When the sun set on October 10 there was not a single prisoner in the Jacksonville jail. It was a Saturday evening, too. Much would be made of this fact in a "dry" city, therefore the Times-Union draws attention to it.

Now that a line of telegraph has been run to Panama City, the United States weather bureau will put up a storm warning tower, or mast at the growing port on St. Andrews bay. This is in recognition of the importance of the traffic between Mobile, Pensacola and St. Andrews bay.

Escambia county will probably witness a political contest of the old fashioned kind between the democrats and the republicans. The registration of negroes this fall has been so heavy that if all pay their poll tax the blacks will almost equal the whites in number of votes. Add to this the white republicans and take into account the number of democrats that have been drawn off into other parties and the prospect that the democrats of that county will have a fight on their hands becomes apparent.

The hut which protected the shore ends of the Nassau cable at Jupiter has been washed away by the high tides which have recently sent the ocean waves tumbling in further than

has been known before for many years along the Atlantic coast. Manager W. H. McDonald of the Miami Western Union office went to Jupiter the other day to investigate an interruption in the service of that cable and found that the hut had been carried out to sea. A new hut is being built.

The orange growers of Florida are being urged to give a full and fair trial to the fungiv which proposes to consolidate and handle the crop to the best advantage. If it does not fully effect its purpose the first year, which is possible, it will point the way to a complete system of organization and arrangements. If it utterly fails, things will be no worse than heretofore.

One of the good results of the copious rains is that the fungiv with which so many of the orange trees have been treated have spread rapidly and are exterminating the white fly.

Alleged men who mistreat aged mothers get the limit of the law from Judge Peebles at Tampa. Any masculine creature who would treat with other than gentle consideration the parent who bore him and nursed him through his helpless infancy deserves punishment more severe than the law provides.

The capital invested in the phosphate plants in southwestern Florida runs up far into the millions, and the mines south of Lakeland alone employ about five thousand men. Few persons are aware of the great value of that industry to Florida.

One effect of the abundant rains is to drive the rabbits from the low places in some parts of Florida. They seek the higher ground and fall upon the farmers' vegetable crops, which rapidly disappear. Thus even the trucker who plants above the reach of the floods suffers from the too generous supply of moisture.

The season thus far has been excellent at Lakeland for strawberries, an unusually large acreage of which is now under cultivation. This has been the rainiest season Polk county has experienced in some years, which has been very beneficial both for the growers and the health of the community. The many lakes, which surround Lakeland are higher now than they have been in some years. Vegetables of all kinds are growing nicely, and the farmers and truck growers are anticipating a good year. The orange crop is maturing and it promises to be as large as heretofore.

Some state editors assume that the mullet is the only fish that has a gizzard. Reference to the Standard Dictionary shows that there is a "gizzard-shad" and a "gizzard-trout." The same authority says that the crocodiles and the great ant-eater have gizzards. That the mullet has a gizzard is no new fact to the older settlers of Florida.

PUTNAM COUNTY GOING AHEAD.

This section of Putnam county is pushing ahead. For instance, at our county seat, Palatka, there have been more public improvements made in the past two years than in twenty years previous all put together.

A movement is now on foot to bond the county for good roads, bridge across the St. Johns river and new court house. The push and go-ahead fever has struck. Now is the time to invest in this section. Prices of real estate will advance lively in the next two years. Come to San Mateo or write

REAL ESTATE AGENCY,
San Mateo, Fla.

A Healthy Family.

"Our whole family has enjoyed good health since we began using Dr. King's New Life Pills, three years ago," says L. A. Bartlet, of Rural Route 1, Guilford, Maine. They cleanse and tone the system in a gentle way that does you good. 25c at S. W. Rowley's drug store.

Experienced.

"Never mind, dear," he said, reassuringly, as she raised her sweet face from his shoulder, and they both saw the white blur on his coat; "it will all bursh off."